

THE MOUNTAIN AND SEASIDE.

Unseasonable Weather Interferes Seriously
With Summer Resorts.

BUT THE OLD FAVORITES STILL POPULAR.

How to Dress at the White—Grand Mary
Washington Hall—The Rockbridge
Alum—Visit to Luray Caverns.

(Special Correspondence.)

WHITE SULPHUR, July 11.

UST HOW TO
dress at the White
Sulphur is always a
vexed question to the
new-comer, and
indeed to the habit-
ue it is not always
an easy problem to
solve. A climate
which combines in
one season all the
variations of the
thermometer that are known in four in-
crease a sort of uncertainty and augmentation
of baggage which is inconvenient and
perplexing. Women especially are hedged
about with difficulties in every phase of
life. They have not accurate ideas of
comfort as men, who know how to get all pos-
sible enjoyment out of life in a semi-hol-
istic fashion, and who are not so easily
troubled by the becoming, the comfortable and
the possible are rarely combined in the case
of women, and men who are at the difficul-
ties in the way of their wives' content should
remember that their lives are not darkened at
home or abroad by the three dreadful D's—
dress, diseases and domesticity.

INDEPENDENT IN DRESS.

One charm of being at a large place consists
in the fact that you can do as you please and
wear what you please. That pretty and well-
fitting gown of last season is not "re-mem-
bered against you" by half as many people as
you think. There are multitudinous garments
of every hue, style and material floating be-
fore the spectator all day long, and the mem-
ory must be good that can associate the
warmer and the cooler with last summer's in-
numerable creations. The air with which the
warmer bears it off will decide the question in
the mind of the critic.

Style, that despotic ruler, now decrees that
cool cotton fabrics are suitable for all occa-
sions.

It is a mistake, too, to make thin material
over thick linings so as to make it a heavy
dress. A muslin gown is so light and airy a
thing as to add scarcely a feather's weight to
the burden of the wearer, and for a fresh
young girl nothing is so pretty and becoming
as the prettiest costume worn at the White
Sulphur are usually the dainty white or
colored muslins, which, being simple and in-
expensive, must be always fresh.

DIAMONDS AND BECQUES.

There is always handsome dressing here.
Many elegant Parisian costumes, which are
often averted, sometimes eclipsed, by some
of American fabrication, magnificent dia-
monds, rare and antique faces and jewels,
and they are enjoyed by those who look on
as well as by those who wear them. However,
as well as the essentials here. It is the record of all
others where people's own personality is their
passport. It is for what you are, not what
you have, that you stand or fall at this
delightful old place. Let not the
tund girl, therefore, who hopes to spend
the summer here, be so easily deterred her-
self with the fact that she may not be as
elegantly attired as others, and will therefore
be overlooked; but rather let her determine
to be contented and happy in the prospect of
making many delightful acquaintances, even
friends, and letting whatever her outfit may
lack in costume and in the latest fash-
ion, style and suitability. The smiles of
inward desire to be pleased and to please
will enhance her beauty far more than the
"outward adornment," which is regarded with
so much more interest than it deserves, though
these things bear always an important part,
and are not to be despised.

A lady prominent in social circles says she
came to the White Sulphur some years ago
and brought two white muslins as her ball
dresses for a fortnight. She met her fate on
that occasion and does not believe that her
dresses were worn with three Santaagos trunks
over her half so well.

A LATE SEASON.

The cool weather has made the season a
little later, but the number present has about
reached 500, and those who are to come be-
tween the 10th and 15th will bring the regis-
ter up to the same that it was last season at
the same date, which was the fullest and
gayest known here for many years.

Expected to bring the season to a close
brilliant company this summer that the State
of Virginia and many of her sister States can
send, and the attractions for the season are
conceded to be greater than have ever been
known here before.

Already several very agreeable entertain-
ments have been given, and there are whis-
pers of others that will soon follow. The gar-
dens never begin before the 20th of July, be-
cause, once begun, there is no rest for the
dancers, so, for the present, out-of-door
sports will be the morning hours, and those
who will in a week or two be seen in for-
mal dress, and in the evening, as now devoted to
Diana's beautiful chase and pleasures.

MARY WASHINGTON BALL.

On Wednesday, August 5th, a grand Col-
onial ball will be given under the auspices of a
committee of ladies and gentlemen appointed
to make the arrangements, to be called "The
Mary Washington Ball." Mrs. Roger A.
Fryer, as vice-president of the National Mary
Washington Memorial Association, is the
mover in the cause, and in the evening, in
the room of a notable monument to the
memory of the mother of Washington.

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horne, Virginia; Mr. Clarence Knowles, Geor-
gia; General Charles J. Anderson, Virginia;
Mr. Ralph Elliot, Georgia; Mr. Skipwith Wil-
son, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. J. W. Reinhart,
Boston, Mass.; Mr. Charles M. Blackford, Vir-
ginia; Mr. William Bruce, Virginia; Mr.
Thomas Rutherford, Virginia; Mr. E. D.
Christian, Virginia.

Arrangements for the ball are progressing
smoothly, and all the indications point to suc-
cess. There is no reason to anticipate the
slightest difficulty in the way of a financial
and social triumph.

BOWLING PARTY.

Colonel James R. Cronshaw and Mr. C. W.
Branch gave a bowling party on Thursday
morning in honor of Miss Irene Langhorne
and Miss Martha Bagby. The contest was
spirited and interesting, and resulted in each
side winning a game.

A nice luncheon was served after the ex-
ercise which was enjoyed by the whole party.
Those present were Messrs. Langhorne, Bagby,
Branch, Rigg, Rigg, Williams, Coghill,
Jones, McMurtry, Bryan, Reinhart,
Camm, Elliott, Axtell, Langhorne, Harris,
Whiteley, and Messrs. Harris, Christian,
Rutherford, Rigg, Vait, Jones, Rigg, Wiley,
and Bohlen.

MUSIC.

The music in the reception room has been
greatly enjoyed by many appreciative guests
each evening. On Wednesday evening Mr.
Decatur Axtell, whose pure soprano voice is
rendered doubly sweet by her obliging desire
to give pleasure to others, rendered several
charming solos, with piano accompaniment by
Mr. H. F. Laube, Messrs. Laube and Fletcher
gave a great deal of enjoyment by their mus-
ical recitations upon the violin and piano,
which evince great skill and taste in rendition
and selection.

SOME OF THE FACES WHO HAVE BRIGHTENED
THE WHITE SULPHUR FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
PAST ARE GREATLY MISSED AND OFTEN SPOKEN
OF. Their places are filled perhaps, but those who
enjoyed their presence still feel the absence of
those who, whom so much of the pleasure of
the White Sulphur is associated. Among
these are Mrs. H. H. Whitlock, Mrs. Charles
E. Wortham, Jr., Mrs. John Potts, Mrs. J. H.
Ellerson, Mrs. William L. Royall, Mrs. E. D.
Christian and others who have been central
figures in the social circle for so long.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins Bruce were welcomed
by their friends on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nowlan are in
Colorado now and in their old place in the
dining-room.

The family of Dr. C. W. Wormley, of King
William county, Va., including Miss Sallie
Wormley, W. B. Wormley and Miss Kate
Rouse, arrived on the 11th, and are in their
cottage at Georgia road.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herbert, Miss
Herbert, Miss Bryant and Mr. Herbert
Bryant, of Alexandria, arrived on the 11th.

A large party from New Orleans arrived on
the 10th—Mrs. Walter Pugh, Miss E. C. Pugh,
Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, Edward Grimes, Alfred
Grimes, and Miss Edith Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Edwards and children,
Norfolk, Va., arrived on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Jr., A. Martin,
Hugh Martin and Miss Martin, Paris, Texas,
are here.

Mr. John Bohlen, Mrs. Bohlen and Misses
McMurtry form an agreeable party from
McMurtry, Pa.

LATEST ARRIVALS.

H. M. Carter, Baltimore; George C. Carter,
T. Stanworth, J. J. Gravatt, Virginia; V.
J. Urner, Baltimore; A. J. Sprague, Illinois;
Mr. T. J. Keating, Columbus, O.; A. S. John-
son, and wife, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. J. H. Stear-
ns, Missur; Mr. Edw. R. Vacham, At-
lanta, Ga.; Miss Elsie R. Indiana; G. C.
McLean, Georgia; Miss Langdon, Indiana; J.
E. Chilton, West Virginia; C. J. Manning,
Virginia; B. H. Oakley, West Virginia; Miss
Crawford, Miss Magee, Missouri; C. H. Coffin
and family, Chicago.

CHILTON.

BALL AT RAWLEY.

Gay Scenes and a Merry Through—Late Ar-
rivals.

RAWLEY SPRINGS, July 11.—[Special.]—Sat-
urday the Fourth dawned bright and beau-
tiful, it brought sunshine and gladness to the
many hearts who had so anxiously watched
its approach. That there was something of
unusual interest on hand could be easily de-
tected by the bustle and hurrying to and fro.
The lawn presented a gay scene with its Chi-
nese lanterns and busy groups scattered here
and there. The Fourth of July meant a
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The decorations of the ball-room were ex-
quisite, consisting chiefly of ferns, evergreens,
and numerous other of flowers. The costumes
were very pretty, these especially noticeable
were Mrs. John Thurman, who looked very
handsome as "Martha Washington." Miss
Lee as "Grandmother," Miss Brasher,
"Daughter of the Union," Miss Cosby, "Lady
Bountiful," Miss Linton, "The Girl in the
Red," Miss Smith, "Pillai," Mrs. Straus,
"Undine," Professor Kemper, a "Turk," Mr.
George Kemper as "Duke," Mr. Lee as "Lord
Rollingbrook," besides others. The music
was good and all went "merry as a marriage
bell" until the band played "Home Sweet
Home," and the evening's entertainment
must have violent ends. Altogether the
evening was most enjoyable and one long to
be remembered by those who were present.

The resident physician is Dr. C. F. White-
head, a distinguished member of the profes-
sion from Louisiana. He was formerly Pres-
ident of the Medical Board of this State.

The fishing continues good a few days ago Dr.
Pendleton, Mr. Berry and Mr. Compton
caught 313 trout, quite a large catch, we think.

A party of bicyclists has been here this
week; they were going from Baltimore to
Staunton via Hagerstown, Md., and had aver-
aged fifty miles a day.

There are a great many visitors at Rawley,
and new arrivals daily. Those now registered
are Mrs. John Hunter, of Richmond; Mrs.
Farker and daughter, Richmond; Mrs. Goff
and family, Chicago; Judge Grat-
tan and family, Harrisonburg; Mrs. Straus and
family, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Virginia; Mrs. Graves, Virginia; Misses
Smith and Brasher, Indiana; Professor Kem-
per, Louisiana; Mr. George Kemper, Ken-
tucky; Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Baltimore; Mrs.
Thomas, daughter and maid, Baltimore; Mr.
Carter Johnston, Harrisonburg; Mr. Robert
Grattan, Harrisonburg; Mr. and Mrs. Rich-
mond, Messrs. Linton and Cline, Baltimore;
Miss Cosby, Virginia; besides many others.
The Royston family from the South is ex-
pected this week.

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LURAY CAVERNS.

A Visit to that Wonderful and Remarkable
Spot—Personals.

BEAR LITHIA SPRINGS, July 10.—The past
week has presented quite a novelty in July
weather here, and one or two days have been
so cool that fires were quite comfortable,
especially in the evenings, when the guests
sat around the warm blaze in the hotel read-
ing-room and played whist, like the members
of some large, harmonious family.

Monday, Richmond, Va. Now, Mr. Rich-
ard, who usually goes to the White Sulphur
and is fostered by contentment. Indeed,
so well are the creature comforts here ad-
ministered to that the mind is entirely
given up to the appreciation of the natural
beauty all around.

And whatever be the countenance that nat-
ure has given, misty or cloudy, each has an
irresistible attraction in the bright glad-
ness of its smile or the solemn grandeur of
its frown. One day we have broad sunlight
of such penetrating, yet soft and golden bril-
liancy, that it seems to saturate the very at-
mosphere with lustre, like the fine dust spray
of some gossamer cloud.

Another, and the massive, low-hung clouds,
white and silver, gray and black, roll like
smoke above a battlement, in great, round bill-
ows over the sky, until they seem to rest upon
the blue-black mountains in the distance.
Then comes a rush, and winds from the four
quarters of the globe seem to shake the very
earth in the very air, and the sky is a formid-
able, while, looking at the giant peaks around,
with the pearl gray bottoms of their every
leaf blown backward, their black limbs sway-
ing furiously to and fro, their towering trunks
seeming each moment inclining for a crash,
one's very thoughts are awed into silence by
the wild tones of the weird orchestra.

A MOUNTAIN SUNRISE.

A party from the Springs made an excu-
sion to the Luray Caverns a few days ago.
Arising at daybreak, they took a horse-drawn
carriage, and the train at Shenandoah Falls
while on the drive witnessed the full splendor

of a mountainsunrise. The gray of dawn grad-
ually yielding to the indelible light of the
unseen sun, the first bright reflections on the
lifting mists; the golden crowning of the
mountain tops; the widening of the golden
bands, inch by inch, down the broad slopes,
until the whole valley is flooded in the yellow
light by the final glorious outburst of the
brilliant orb.

THE LURAY CAVERNS.

Of the Luray Caverns but little can be said,
because the rapid change and variety of their
features, as they are viewed, requires not
hours but days and weeks to fix them in the
mind.

As one leaves the daylight behind on enter-
ing the cave, he seems to breathe the supernat-
ural in the very air, and the imagination is
voluntarily turned to the old "Northern
Myths," or the fairy tales of childhood.

The deep gloom that shrouds all, the dark
passages on every hand, the fantastic columns
of stalactite crystals, the lofty grained arches
hung with the iron-ore drapery, the solemn
silence brooding over the scene, all belong
to a time when races of gnomes
and giants revelled in these buried halls, and
as one goes deeper and deeper into the solitudes,
they seem to awaken one more into life, and
weird forms start up everywhere to chill the
blood. One sees vast crystal arches with
throngs of people pouring through. At the
touch of the grand crystal organ, one half
expects to see some long procession of the
spirits come sweeping by with stately tread.
Far back in the recess of a gloomy passage
is seen the giant form of a grim white-
shrouded specter, frowning upon the in-
truders of his weird domains.

Great columns of white crystal that took
thousands of years to form, alternate with
the images of life that exist to-day and fash-
ioned in rock are seen strings of fish, forms
of poultry and the huge bodies of elephants
and camels. So, in endless variety, these
strange representations of the present and the
past succeed each other, until the differing
sensations they produce render the return to
daylight, a peculiar relief. From Luray was
but a short ride, and the bright scenery
all around the Springs, with its pleasing con-
trast to the gloom just left behind.

PERSONALS.

The company here suffered a loss in the de-
parture on Wednesday of Mr. W. B. Smith
for an extended trip to Niagara and to Canada.

Among the recent arrivals are: Mr. and
Mrs. Stuart Hibler, New York; Mr. J. W.
Wallace, Greenville, Va.; Miss Sarah Mar-
shall, Philadelphia, Pa.; G. S. Adams, Front
Royal, Va.; Dr. G. S. Franklin, Callioche,
O.; G. C. L. Franklin, and J. H. Houson,
Virginia Military Institute; Mrs. Evelyn
Pratt, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. G. Julian Pratt,
Miss Mame Pratt, Waynesboro, Va.; Mr. B.
J. Cone, Richmond, Va.; W. W.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM.

Unseasonable Weather—Pleasant Social
Gathering—Late Arrivals.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, July 11.—[Spe-
cial.]—The weather is cool but clear, and as I
sit by my cozy fire and feel its invigorating
warmth after the bracing air outside has been
enjoyed to the utmost, it inspires me to
write of our last week's events. The "Glori-
ous Fourth" passed untroubled, and the cele-
bration was from the top of the music
stand, and in groups we sat under its
protection. Few were left when the
welcome sound of dinner whetters was into the
dining-room, where a bountiful repast had
been provided. This had been supplemented
by the waiters, who, in friendly rivalry, had
been endeavoring to outdo each other in making
the floral decorations of their several tables, and
the entire effect was very lovely, as we walked
the length of the room to our own seat.

We had the privilege on Sunday of hearing
two excellent sermons—one in the morning
from the Rev. Mr. H. H. Carter, and the other
from the evening from Rev. Mr. Wilhelm
of Hillsboro, N. C.—a rare treat in them-
selves, but specially so at this season of the
year, as we seldom begin to welcome our
friends "of the cloth" before August, when
we can often boast of a goodly number.